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Regulations Change at Lake Roosevelt for PWC, Boaters and Shoreline Campers

Beginning June 25, 2004, the operation of Personal Watercraft will once more be permitted on the Lake Roosevelt National Recreation Area. Since 2001, PWC have not been permitted on the waters and shorelines of Lake Roosevelt managed by the National Park Service as a result of a settlement to a lawsuit brought against the agency. The National Park Service agreed at that time to prepare park-specific environmental assessments. Special regulations would be promulgated in parks where no significant impact from PWC was determined.

In the case of Lake Roosevelt, A Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) was signed by the park superintendent and regional director, allowing publication of a special regulation to allow the operation of PWC on the lake. This regulation was published in the Federal Register on June 23, 2004, allowing the ban on the use of PWC to be lifted immediately.

PWC are now allowed to operate on Lake Roosevelt, and are subject to the following regulations:

1. A flat-wake or no-wake zone is in effect within 200 feet from launch ramps, marina facilities, campgrounds, swim beaches, water skiers and other persons in the water,
2. PWC are banned from the Kettle River.

All motorized watercraft, including PWC, must adhere to the following:

- A flat-wake or no-wake zone on the Spokane River Arm from 100 feet downstream of the Two Rivers Marina to 100 feet upstream of the Fort Spokane Launch ramp.

Another regulation change involves beach fires within the National Park Service managed areas of Lake Roosevelt. Beach fires are prohibited within the recreation area from May 2 through October 31, unless you utilize a UL (Underwriter's Lab) approved Portable Propane Campfire unit. These units are designed for safe use, even during fire bans.

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